

REMARKS

Previously presented claims 1-225 stand cancelled without prejudice, limitation, waiver or estoppel. New claims 226-241 are added, of which claims 226 and 234 are in independent form.

No new matter is introduced hereby.

Favorable reconsideration of the present patent application as currently constituted is respectfully requested.

Regarding the Claim Rejections

Previously active claims were rejected in the pending Office Action based on a number of grounds. By virtue of cancellation of all previously active claims, the pending rejections have now been rendered moot.

Regarding the New Claims

Applicant has added new claims 226-241 by way of the present response in order to obtain coverage for hitherto unclaimed subject matter to which Applicant is believed to be entitled. Base claim 226 is directed to an embodiment of a key distribution method for management of keys used for encryption of data items redirected between a messaging server and a mobile device associated with a user. As currently constituted, the key

distribution method involves, *inter alia*, generating a first pair of keys by a redirector component associated with the messaging server and generating a second pair of keys by a mobile device. Each pair includes a respective public key which is provided to a key repository. Base claim 234 is directed to an embodiment of a key distribution system that recites substantially identical features.

It is believed that none of the applied art of record, either alone or in any reasonable combination, discloses, anticipates or suggests the foregoing features. New claims 226-241 are therefore believed to be drawn to allowable subject matter.

Reservation of Rights

Notwithstanding the foregoing, Applicant reserves all rights not exercised in connection with this response, such as, e.g., the right to challenge or rebut any tacit or explicit characterization of any reference or of the present claims, the right to challenge any Official Notice(s) taken, the right to challenge or rebut any asserted factual or legal basis of any of the rejections of the present Office Action, or the right to swear behind any cited reference such as provided under 37 C.F.R. §1.131 or otherwise.

Fee Statement

Compared to the highest number previously paid for, the total number of claims and the number of independent claims have not increased. Applicant is filing herewith a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) of the instant patent application. Accordingly, payment via electronic filing is being authorized in the applicable amount. Applicant believes no additional fees are due for the filing of this Submission. If any additional fees are due or any overpayments have been made, however, please charge or credit our deposit account (Deposit Account No. 03-1130).

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

In view of the fact that none of the art of the record, whether considered alone or in combination discloses, anticipates or suggests the presently pending claims and in further view of the above amendments as proposed and remarks, reconsideration of the Action and allowance of the present patent application are respectfully requested and are believed to be appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

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